

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 883

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Marsha E. Goodwin of Cleveland upon her induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding professionals and volunteers who have been selected by their peers for induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame in honor of their years as exceptional sports officials; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Marsha E. Goodwin of Cleveland, who has distinguished herself as a TSSAA high school volleyball official and PAVO/NAGWS collegiate volleyball referee since 1974; and

WHEREAS, for nearly thirty years, Marsha Goodwin has been a leader in Tennessee in women's sports officiating, and she is one of the most outstanding volleyball officials in the nation; and

WHEREAS, not only has Ms. Goodwin earned acclaim and respect as one of our State's and nation's finest women's sports officials, she has also been an active force in recruiting officials, both women and men, and has been a valuable resource in the training of fellow officials; and

WHEREAS, she conducts training clinics in officiating across Tennessee for TSSAA and helps the organization evaluate officials during the TSSAA State Rules and Mechanics Meeting each fall; and

WHEREAS, until 1996, Ms. Goodwin served astutely as the Supervising/Assigning Officer for High School Volleyball in Southeastern Tennessee; she still serves with distinction as the Coordinator and Supervisor of Officials for the TSSAA State Volleyball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious career as an official, Marsha Goodwin has worked in almost every district, regional and sectional volleyball tournament held in Tennessee, in addition to many state tournaments; and

WHEREAS, she has officiated many national volleyball tournaments for girls and women and serves on most of the collegiate officials boards in the United States; since 1992, she has rendered valuable service as Chair of the Southeastern Collegiate Officials Board; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as president of several high school and collegiate state, area, regional, and national officiating committees; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Goodwin has received innumerable honors and awards during her legendary career as an official, including the TSSAA Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Marsha Goodwin attended Middle Tennessee State University, where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees; she has performed additional graduate work at Trevecca Nazarene University, Central Missouri State University and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, she presently serves with the greatest dedication and compassion as a health and physical education instructor at Bradley County Junior High School, where she has received numerous awards honoring her great ability as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, she has been honored with the Inez Clemmer Award, which recognizes the Teacher of the Year at the middle school level for the entire Bradley County school system, and she has been named Teacher of the Year by her school's Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, her many professional and personal accomplishments aside, Ms. Goodwin is most appreciative of the love and companionship she shares with her children, Courtney and Chadwick; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the members of this General Assembly pause to specially recognize this outstanding citizen, thanking her for her singular service to the youth of our State and lauding her exemplary career as a volleyball official; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Marsha E. Goodwin of Cleveland upon her induction into

the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, thank her for her service to the high school and collegiate volleyball communities of the State of Tennessee and offer her our best wishes for every happiness and satisfaction in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.